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Introduction. The collection includes the texts, which have been recorded, basically from the eastern Khants in 1961-1975s. These groups occupy the river basins of Vasyugan, Vakh, Yugan, Pim, Agan, Trom'yogan and middle Ob area. Texts are written and published only in Russian. Classification of genres, connections between world view and folklore, features of oral national creativity of the Khants is stated.

Texts (211 units) are distributed on genres. The section "Myths" is submitted by plots about an origin of the Moon, the Big She-bear, about the polar lights, a flood, about an origin of the humanbeings, animals and spirits. Historical legends include stories about sacred places, battles with enemies, heroes-ancestors, an origin of separate surnames, toponymic legends. Fairy tales are devoted to animals, various mythical essences, heroic characters and usual people. Short epic stories are about the real or pseudo-real events reflecting, basically, religious views of the Khants: about meetings with spirits or supernatural essences, travel on the sky, punishment by fire, etc. Riddles and signs finish the collection.

All sections are supplied with prompts and endings with images of ornaments and subjects of a traditional life.

At the end of the book Data about texts, and also List of Khanty words and local terms are placed.